



January 30, 2012

VAWA is moving and NOW is the time to tell Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act! VAWA is moving quickly toward reauthorization and will be marked up (amended and voted on) in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, February 2nd at 10am. VAWA now has 29 sponsors! But we need EVERY Senator on the Senate Judiciary Committee to support VAWA during mark up! Please take the following actions to get VAWA reauthorized **SWIFTLY!**

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

Suggested actions for this week include:

1. Call Senators to urge co-sponsorship and votes for VAWA in the Senate Judiciary mark-up this Thursday.
2. Participate in this week's blog carnival for VAWA.
3. Invite your Representative to attend the VAWA House Briefing on Tuesday at 10:30.

Action 1:

Call (http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) your Senators today to ask them to sponsor and support VAWA, S. 1925. Calls must be made before the Senate Judiciary Committee meets on Thursday, February 2 at 10 am to discuss and vote on VAWA.

Thank your Senators if they are one of the 29 bipartisan sponsors. If not, urge them to become a sponsor, ESPECIALLY if they are on the Judiciary committee (<http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/about/members.cfm>). Judiciary committee members Senators Cornyn, Grassley and Kyl were sponsors of VAWA 2005 – we must reach out to these three Senators especially.

Nineteen (19) VAWA sponsors from 2005 are not yet VAWA sponsors in 2012:

[Akaka, Daniel K.](#) - (D - HI)
[Baucus, Max](#) - (D - MT)
[Bingaman, Jeff](#) - (D - NM)
[Cantwell, Maria](#) - (D - WA)
[Carper, Thomas R.](#) - (D - DE)
[Cochran, Thad](#) - (R - MS)
[Collins, Susan M.](#) - (R - ME)
[Cornyn, John](#) - (R - TX)
[Grassley, Chuck](#) - (R - IA)
[Hatch, Orrin G.](#) - (R - UT)

[Hutchison, Kay Bailey](#) - (R - TX)
[Inouye, Daniel K.](#) - (D - HI)
[Johnson, Tim](#) - (D - SD)
[Landrieu, Mary L.](#) - (D - LA)
[Lieberman, Joseph I.](#) - (ID - CT)
[Mikulski, Barbara A.](#) - (D - MD)
[Nelson, Ben](#) - (D - NE)
[Nelson, Bill](#) - (D - FL)
[Pryor, Mark L.](#) - (D - AR)
[Snowe, Olympia J.](#) - (R - ME)

Action 2: Participate in a blog carnival for VAWA:

The National Task Force urges you to write a blog this week as part of a HERvotes blog carnival on VAWA. [HERvotes](#) is a coalition of women's rights organizations and activists who have been blogging on important issues facing women in the upcoming elections. Please e-mail your blog posts to Emily Alfano (Emily@ncjwdc.org) with the National Council of Jewish women with your name, contact information, organization (if appropriate), title, and link if it's published on a website already. She will make sure your blog gets published on the site or linked.

Have questions? [Email Emily](#).

Action 3: Call your U.S. Representatives and invite them or their staff to Tuesday's Congressional House briefing on VAWA:

Last Thursday's Senate briefing was a rousing success, with 35 staff among the 120 attendees. Please make that call to your House member's staff (<http://www.house.gov/representatives/>) and ask them to attend. *Tuesday, January 31, 2237 Rayburn House Office Building, 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.*

To see if your Senator has signed on to VAWA, go to <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php> and type in S. 1925 in the bill search box.

Check our website for updates: www.4vawa.org.

Check out and "like" our Facebook page where you can find a toolkit and other action and information items: http://on.fb.me/NTF_Facebook_page.

If you aren't on one of the VAWA email lists or want to add members of your staff or state/community leaders to our grassroots alerts emailing list, send names and contact information including email to Sean Black, sblack@icasa.org.